(c) the payment to be made to the company for discharging this responsibility;

(d) whether it is a fact that construction work of the said project has been completed and Delhi Jal Board has started making payment to the multinational company for discharging the responsibility; and

(e) if so, the amount paid upto June, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that after the completion of the Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Plant will be entrusted to M/s Degremount France and Degremount India Consortium. It is a composite contract for design, construction and O&M for 10 years. The company is to be paid a total amount of Rs. 7.77 crores (approx). annually.

It has also been informed that the Electrical and Mechanical part of construction of the Plant has been completed but the payment of O&M has not been started.

Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant

†1546. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before granting sanction for construction of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant the arrangement was made for availability of water for this project;

(b) the quantity of water and the respective sources where from water was to be made available;

(c) whether any formal agreement was made regarding availability of water; and

(d) if so, the parties involved in this agreement alongwith the dates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that before approving

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

SoniaVihar Treatment Plant on 16.9.1998 arrangement for availability water was finalized. The Government of Uttar Pradesh had communicated its no objection to the reservation of 300 cusecs of water from Tehri Dam provided Government of NCT of Delhi agreed to share the cost of Tehri Dam. The Government of NCT of Delhi had conveyed its agreement to share the cost of dam on 28.4.1989.

The 300 cusecs of raw water is to be made available from the Tehri Dam Storage through Upper Ganga Canal at Murad Nagar.

(c) and (d) A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to be signed by the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Delhi Jal Board. The draft MoU was sent to Government of Uttar Pradesh in June, 2004.

Financial Assistance by HUDCO to Gujarat

1547. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been loss and damage to property in Gujarat due to recent floods;

(b) if so, whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) have given any financial assistance to Gujarat for development of housing and other infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No proposal has been received by HUDCO from the State Government in this regard.